

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Tung T. Vo.
Shinichiro Koga et al.)	
	:	Art Unit: 2621
Application No. 10/656,128)	
	:	Confirmation No. 8649
Filed: September 8, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS)	
AND METHOD	:	April 12, 2010 (Monday)

Commissioner for Patents
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application for the courtesy extended to their undersigned representative during the personal interview held on March 2, 2010.

During the interview, Applicants' representative first explained the claimed invention. Applicants' representative then explained their position as to how the claimed invention was distinguishable from Okazaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,606,636), which was cited in the previous Office Action. In this regard, Applicants' position can be found in the Remarks filed with the Amendment filed on November 25, 2009.

In response to Applicants' representative's discussion, the Examiner indicated that, at first glance, he viewed the presently-claimed invention as distinguishable over Okazaki et al.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. Office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

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